

# 36 Years of Lattice QCD with Guido

## From 15 Quenched Configurations to Precision Flavour Physics

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**A Lattice Calculation of the Second Moment of the Pion's Distribution Amplitude**  
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**Virtual photon emission in leptonic decays of charged pseudoscalar mesons** #1  
 G. Gagliardi (INFN, Rome3), V. Lubicz (Rome III U. and INFN, Rome3), G. Martinelli (Rome U. and INFN, Rome), F. Mazzetti (Rome III U. and INFN, Rome3), C.T. Sachrajda (Southampton U.) et al. (Feb 8, 2022)  
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**Comparison of lattice QCD+QED predictions for radiative leptonic decays of light mesons with experimental data** #2  
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**First lattice calculation of radiative leptonic decay rates of pseudoscalar mesons** #3  
 A. Desiderio (Rome U., Tor Vergata and INFN, Rome), R. Frezzotti (Rome U., Tor Vergata and INFN, Rome), M. Garofalo (Rome III U. and INFN, Rome3), D. Giusti (Regensburg U. and INFN, Rome3), M. Hansen (U. Southern Denmark, Odense, DIAS) et al. (Jun 9, 2020)  
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**Light-meson leptonic decay rates in lattice QCD+QED** #4  
 M. Di Carlo (INFN, Rome and Rome U.), D. Giusti (INFN, Rome3 and Rome III U.), V. Lubicz (INFN, Rome3 and Rome III U.), G. Martinelli (INFN, Rome and Rome U.), C.T. Sachrajda (Southampton U.) et al. (Apr 18, 2019)  
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**First lattice calculation of the QED corrections to leptonic decay rates** #5  
 D. Giusti (INFN, Rome3 and Rome III U.), V. Lubicz (INFN, Rome3 and Rome III U.), G. Martinelli (INFN, Rome and Rome U.), C.T. Sachrajda (Southampton U.), F. Sanfilippo (INFN, Rome3) et al. (Nov 17, 2017)  
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# Selected Highlights

## 1. Early computations of hadronic matrix elements

The early (1986-1990) computations of matrix elements in which we had to figure out the basic procedures; understand the limitations and exploit the constraints of the cubic symmetry and perform lattice perturbation theory for the renormalisation constants.

## 2. Renormalons and non-perturbative subtraction of UV power divergences.

(i) *Non-perturbative subtractions in the Heavy Quark Effective Theory*

L.Maiani, G.Martinelli and CTS, Nucl. Phys. B368 (1992) 281

(ii) *On the difficulty of computing higher-twist corrections*

G.Martinelli and CTS, Nucl. Phys. B478 (1996) 660

## 3. A Lattice computation of the decay constant of the B-meson.

C.R.Allton, V.Lubicz, L.Maiani, G.Martinelli and CTS,

Nucl. Phys. B349, (1991) 598



### 3. Improvement

*The Improvement of hadronic matrix elements in lattice QCD*

G.Heatlie, G.Martinelli, C.Pittori, G.C.Rossi and CTS.  
Nucl.Phys. B352 (1991) 266

### 4. Non-perturbative renormalization

*A general method for the non-perturbative renormalization of lattice operators*

G.Martinelli, C.Pittori, CTS, M.Testa and A.Vladikas,  
Nucl. Phys. B445 (1995) 81

### 5. Non-leptonic kaon decays and finite-volume corrections

(i) *New lattice approaches to the  $\Delta I = 1/2$  rule*

C.Dawson, G.Martinelli, G.C.Rossi, CTS, S.Sharpe, M.Talevi and M.Testa, Nucl. Phys. B514 (1998) 313

(ii)  *$K \rightarrow \pi\pi$  decays in a finite volume*

C.J.D.Lin, G.Martinelli, CTS and M.Testa, Nucl. Phys. B619 (2001) 467

(iii) *Effects of finite volume on the  $K_L - K_S$  mass difference*

N.H.Christ, X.Feng, G.Martinelli and CTS, Phys. Rev. D91 (2015) 114510



“At the workshop - Guido Martinelli (left) and Chris Sachrajda contemplate power subtractions for non-leptonic kaon decays.”

(Cern Courier - Reporting on the 2000 Ringberg Workshop on Current Theoretical Problems in Lattice Field Theory.)

# QED corrections to Weak Decay Amplitudes - Motivation

Quantity	Sec.	$N_f = 2 + 1 + 1$	Refs.	$N_f = 2 + 1$	Refs.	$N_f = 2$	Refs.
$m_{ud}$ [MeV]	3.1.4	3.410(43)	[6, 7]	3.381(40)	[8–12]		
$m_s$ [MeV]	3.1.4	93.40(57)	[6, 7, 13, 14]	92.2(1.0)	[8–11, 15]		
$m_s/m_{ud}$	3.1.5	27.23(10)	[7, 16, 17]	27.42(12)	[8–10, 15, 18]		
$m_u$ [MeV]	3.1.6	2.14(8)	[6, 19]	2.27(9)	[20]		
$m_d$ [MeV]	3.1.6	4.70(5)	[6, 19]	4.67(9)	[20]		
$m_u/m_d$	3.1.6	0.465(24)	[19, 21]	0.485(19)	[20]		
$\overline{m}_c(3 \text{ GeV})$ [GeV]	3.2.2	0.988(11)	[6, 7, 14, 22, 23]	0.992(5)	[11, 24–26]		
$m_c/m_s$	3.2.3	11.768(34)	[6, 7, 14]	11.82(16)	[24, 27]		
$\overline{m}_b(\overline{m}_b)$ [GeV]	3.3	4.203(11)	[6, 28–31]	4.171(20)	[11]		
$f_+(0)$	4.3	0.9698(17)	[32, 33]	0.9677(27)	[34, 35]	0.9560(57)(62)	[36]
$f_{K^\pm}/f_{\pi^\pm}$	4.3	1.1932(21)	[16, 37–39]	1.1917(37)	[8, 40–44]	1.205(18)	[45]
$f_{\pi^\pm}$ [MeV]	4.6			130.2(8)	[8, 40, 41]		
$f_{K^\pm}$ [MeV]	4.6	155.7(3)	[17, 37, 38]	155.7(7)	[8, 40, 41]	157.5(2.4)	[45]
$\text{Re}(A_2)$ [GeV]	6.2			$1.50(4)(14) \times 10^{-8}$	[46]		
$\text{Im}(A_2)$ [GeV]	6.2			$-8.34(1.03) \times 10^{-13}$	[46]		
$\hat{B}_K$	6.3	0.717(18)(16)	[47]	0.7625(97)	[8, 48–50]	0.727(22)(12)	[51]
$B_2$	6.4	0.46(1)(3)	[47]	0.502(14)	[50, 52]	0.47(2)(1)	[51]
$B_3$	6.4	0.79(2)(5)	[47]	0.766(32)	[50, 52]	0.78(4)(2)	[51]
$B_4$	6.4	0.78(2)(4)	[47]	0.926(19)	[50, 52]	0.76(2)(2)	[51]
$B_5$	6.4	0.49(3)(3)	[47]	0.720(38)	[50, 52]	0.58(2)(2)	[51]

Table 1: Summary of the main results of this review concerning quark masses, light-meson decay constants, and hadronic kaon-decay and kaon-mixing parameters. These are grouped in terms of  $N_f$ , the number of dynamical quark flavours in lattice simulations. Quark masses are given in the  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  scheme at running scale  $\mu = 2 \text{ GeV}$  or as indicated. BSM bag parameters  $B_{2,3,4,5}$  are given in the  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  scheme at scale  $\mu = 3 \text{ GeV}$ . Further specifications of the quantities are given in the quoted sections. Results for  $N_f = 2$  quark masses are unchanged since FLAG 16 [3], and are not included here. For each result we list the references that enter the FLAG average or estimate, and we stress again the importance of quoting these original works when referring to FLAG results. From the entries in this column one can also read off the number of results that enter our averages for each quantity. We emphasize that these numbers only give a very rough indication of how thoroughly the quantity in question has been explored on the lattice and recommend consulting the detailed tables and figures in the relevant section for more significant information and for explanations on the source of the quoted errors.

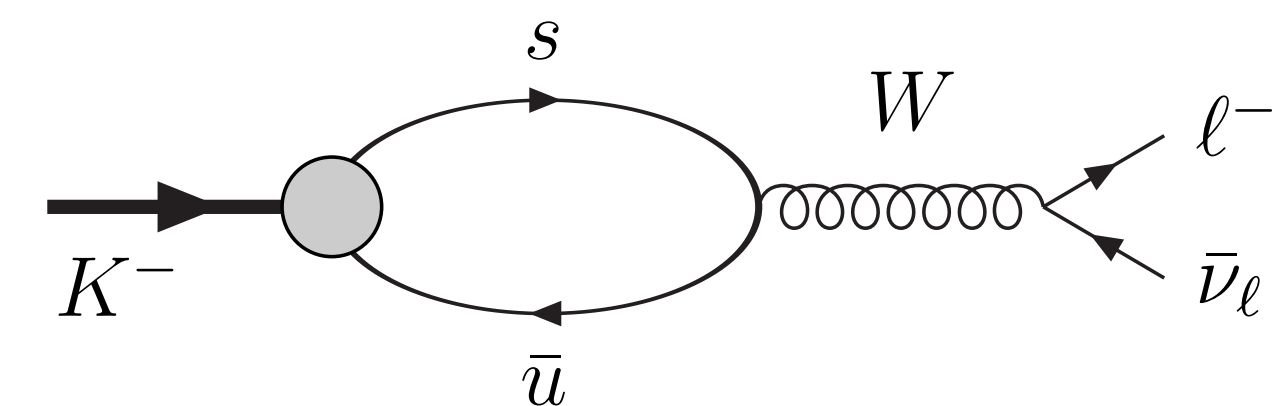
FLAG Review 2021, Y.Aoki et al., arXiv:2111.09849

- Lattice QCD results for some physical quantities are now so precise (sub percent) that QED corrections need to be included to make further progress.

- I shall use

$$f_K = 155.7(3) \text{ MeV}$$

to illustrate our calculations.



$$\langle 0 | A_\mu | K(p) \rangle = f_K p_\mu, \quad r_\ell = m_\ell / m_K$$

$$\Gamma^{(0)} = \frac{G_F^2 |V_{us}|^2 f_K^2}{8\pi} m_K^3 r_\ell^2 (1 - r_\ell^2)^2$$

# Computing QED Corrections to Weak Decay Amplitudes - The Framework

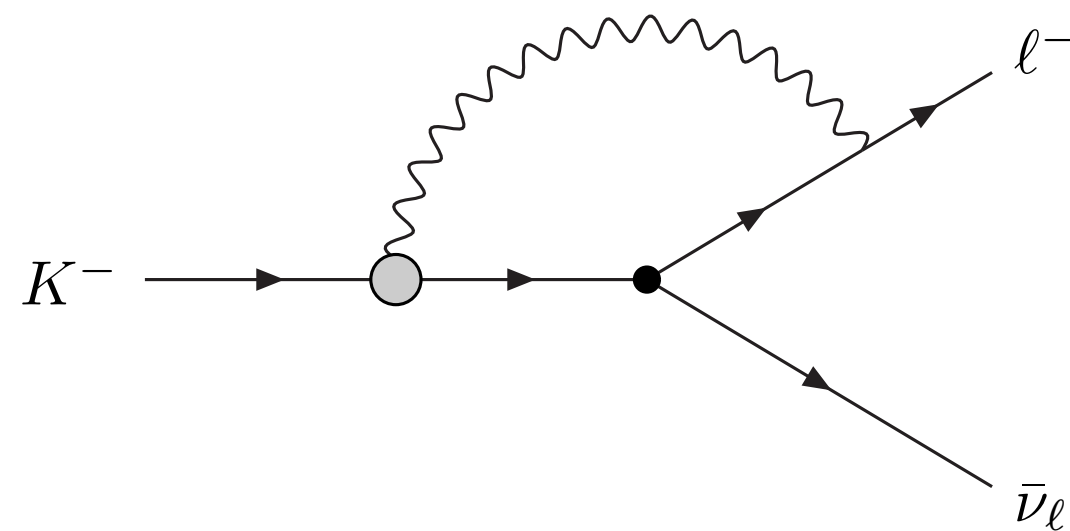
*QED Corrections to Hadronic Processes in Lattice QCD*

N.Carrasco, V.Lubicz, G.Martinelli, CTS, N.Tantalo, C.Tarantino and M.Testa

arXiv:1502.00257

- Our aim is to calculate  $\Gamma$  including  $O(\alpha_{em})$  corrections.

- $f_K$  no longer contains all the QCD effects.



- Calculating electromagnetic corrections to decay amplitudes has the major complication, not present in computations of the spectrum, **the presence of infrared divergences**
- This implies that when studying such processes, the physical observable must include soft photons in the final state.

F.Bloch and A.Nordsieck, PR 52 (1937) 54

$$\Gamma(K^- \rightarrow \ell^- \bar{\nu}_\ell (\gamma)) = \Gamma(K^- \rightarrow \ell^- \bar{\nu}_\ell) + \Gamma(K^- \rightarrow \ell^- \bar{\nu}_\ell \gamma) \equiv \Gamma_0 + \Gamma_1.$$

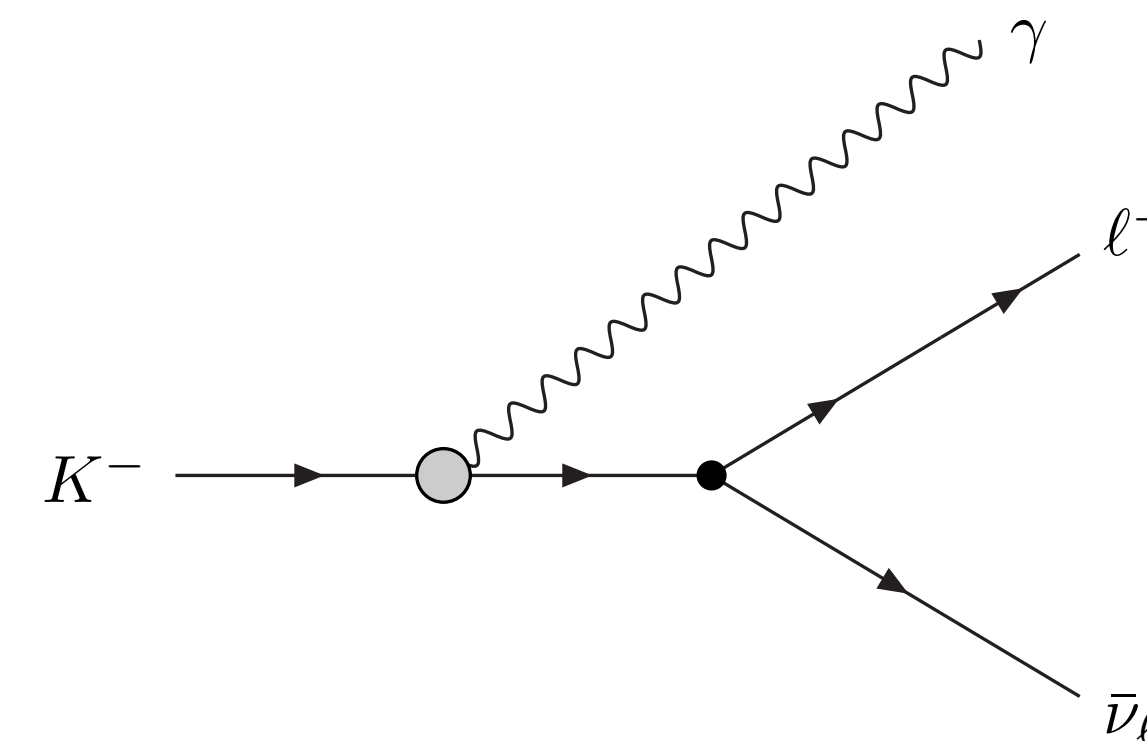
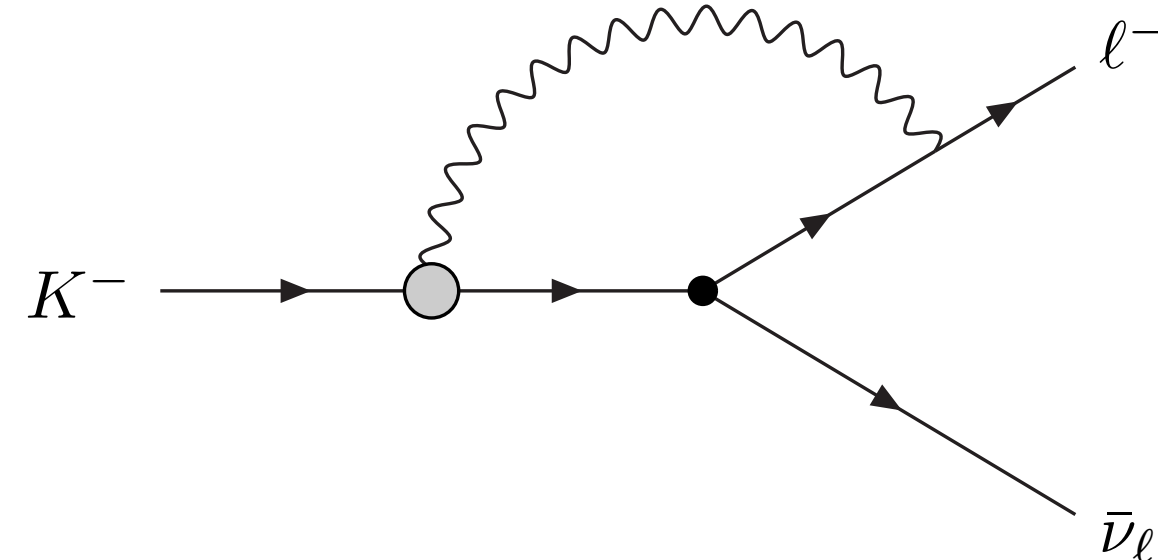
- The generic question is how best to combine this understanding with lattice calculations of non-perturbative hadronic effects.

- Our proposal is to separate  $\Gamma_0 + \Gamma_1$  into terms each of which is infrared convergent

$$\Gamma(\Delta E_\gamma) = \Gamma_0 + \Gamma_1(\Delta E_\gamma) = \Gamma_0 + \int_0^{2\Delta E_\gamma/m_P} dx_\gamma \frac{d\Gamma_1}{dx_\gamma}$$

$$= \lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \Gamma_0(L) - \Gamma_0^{\text{pt}}(L) \right] + \lim_{\mu_\gamma \rightarrow 0} \left[ \Gamma_0^{\text{pt}}(\mu_\gamma) + \Gamma_1^{\text{pt}}(\Delta E_\gamma, \mu_\gamma) \right] + \Gamma_1^{\text{SD}}(\Delta E_\gamma) + \Gamma_1^{\text{INT}}(\Delta E_\gamma).$$

- $x_\gamma = 2E_\gamma/m_K$  in the rest frame of the kaon
- pt = “point like”, SD = “Structure Dependent” and “INT” is the interference between pt and SD
- “pt” contributions can be calculated in perturbation theory, whereas  $\Gamma_0(L)$  and (for large  $\Delta E_\gamma$ )  $\Gamma_1^{\text{SD}}$  and  $\Gamma_1^{\text{INT}}$  need to be computed non perturbatively.



# Issues not discussed here

- When including QED, questions such as “**What is QCD?**” or equivalently “**How large are the electromagnetic corrections?**” are convention dependent due to the electromagnetic shift in the quark masses.

*Light-meson leptonic decay rates in lattice QCD+QED*

M.Di Carlo, D Giusti, V.Lubicz, G.Martinelli, CTS, F.Sanfilippo , S.Simula and N.Tantalo, arXiv:1904.08731

- Definition of  $G_F$  at  $O(\alpha_{\text{em}})$ . This must be consistent with the procedure being used.

$$\frac{1}{\tau_\mu} = \frac{G_F^2 m_\mu^5}{192\pi^3} \left[ 1 - \frac{8m_e^2}{m_\mu^2} \right] \left[ 1 + \frac{\alpha_{\text{em}}}{2\pi} \left( \frac{25}{4} - \pi^2 \right) \right]$$

- Renormalization of the lattice operators including  $O(\alpha_{\text{em}})$  effects.

*Non-perturbative renormalization in QCD+QED and its application to weak decays*

M.Di Carlo, D Giusti, V.Lubicz, G.Martinelli, CTS, F.Sanfilippo , S.Simula and N.Tantalo, arXiv:1911.00938

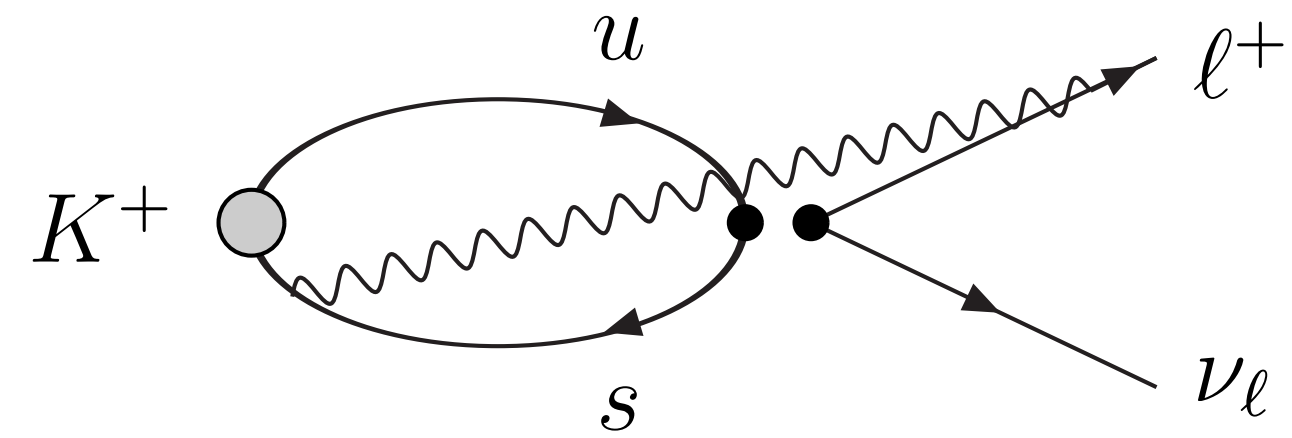
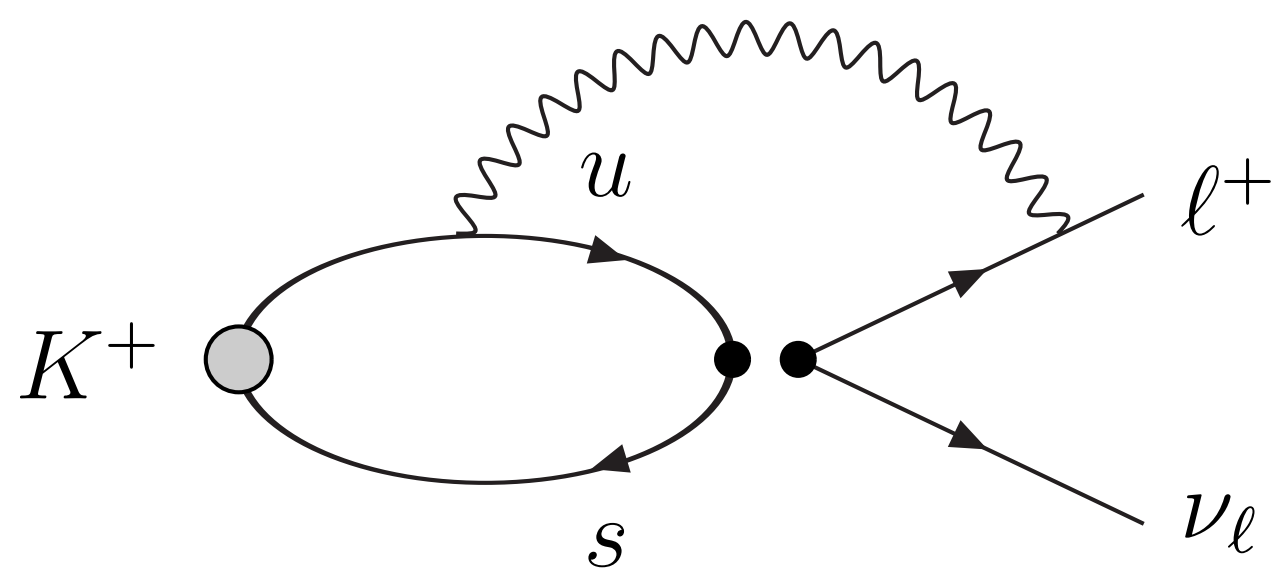
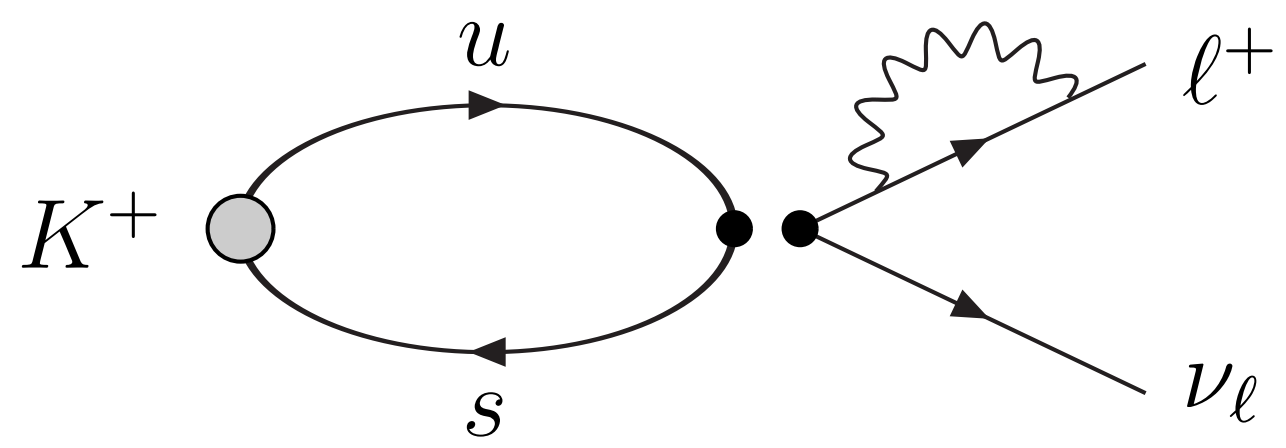
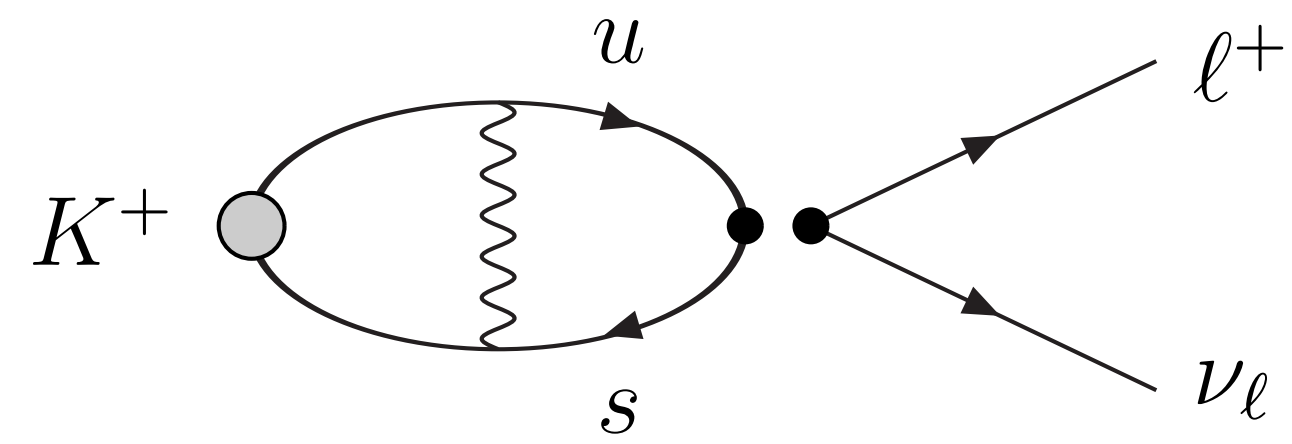
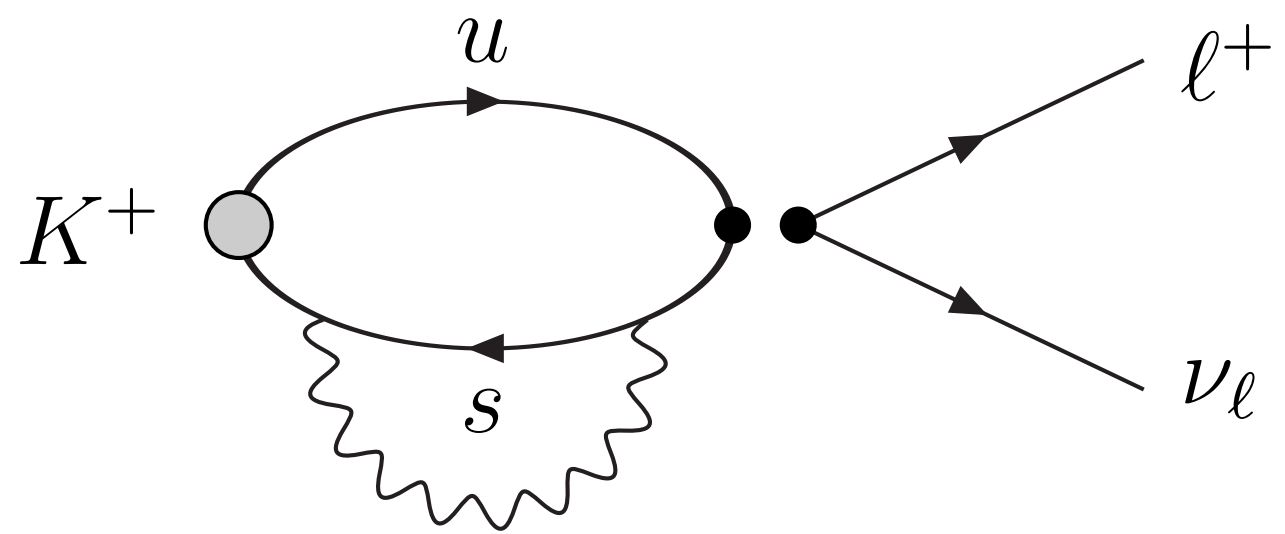
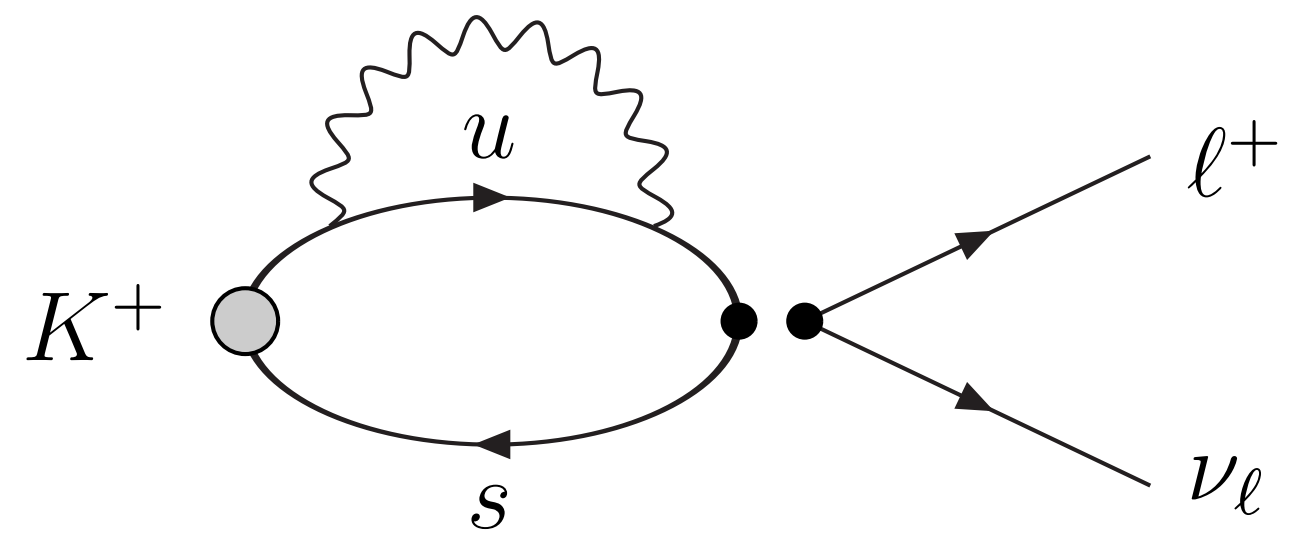
- Perturbative evaluation of  $\Gamma_0^{\text{pt}} + \Gamma_1^{\text{pt}}(\Delta E_\gamma)$ .

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- Evaluation of the diagrams.





+ disconnected diagrams + real photon emission

# Finite-Volume Corrections

*Finite-Volume QED corrections to decay amplitudes in lattice QCD*

V.Lubicz, G.Martinelli, CTS, F.Sanfilippo, S.Simula and N.Tantalo, arXiv:1611.08497

- The photon is massless  $\Rightarrow$  difficulties in a finite volume.

- We have implemented the framework in QED<sub>L</sub> in which  $A_\mu(\vec{k} = 0, k_4) = 0$  for all  $k_4$ .

M.Hayakawa and S.Uno arXiv:0804.2044

- Transfer matrix exists but locality is broken
- $L \rightarrow \infty$  limit should be taken first

- Evaluation of FV effects is based on the Poisson Summation formula, e.g. in one dimension

$$\frac{1}{L} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} f(p_n^2) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dp}{2\pi} f(p^2) + \sum_{n \neq 0} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dp}{2\pi} f(p^2) e^{inpL}.$$

- For decay constants, form factors etc the FV effects fall exponentially, typically  $\propto \exp[-cm_\pi L]$ .
- This is not the case when  $f(p^2)$  has a singularity.

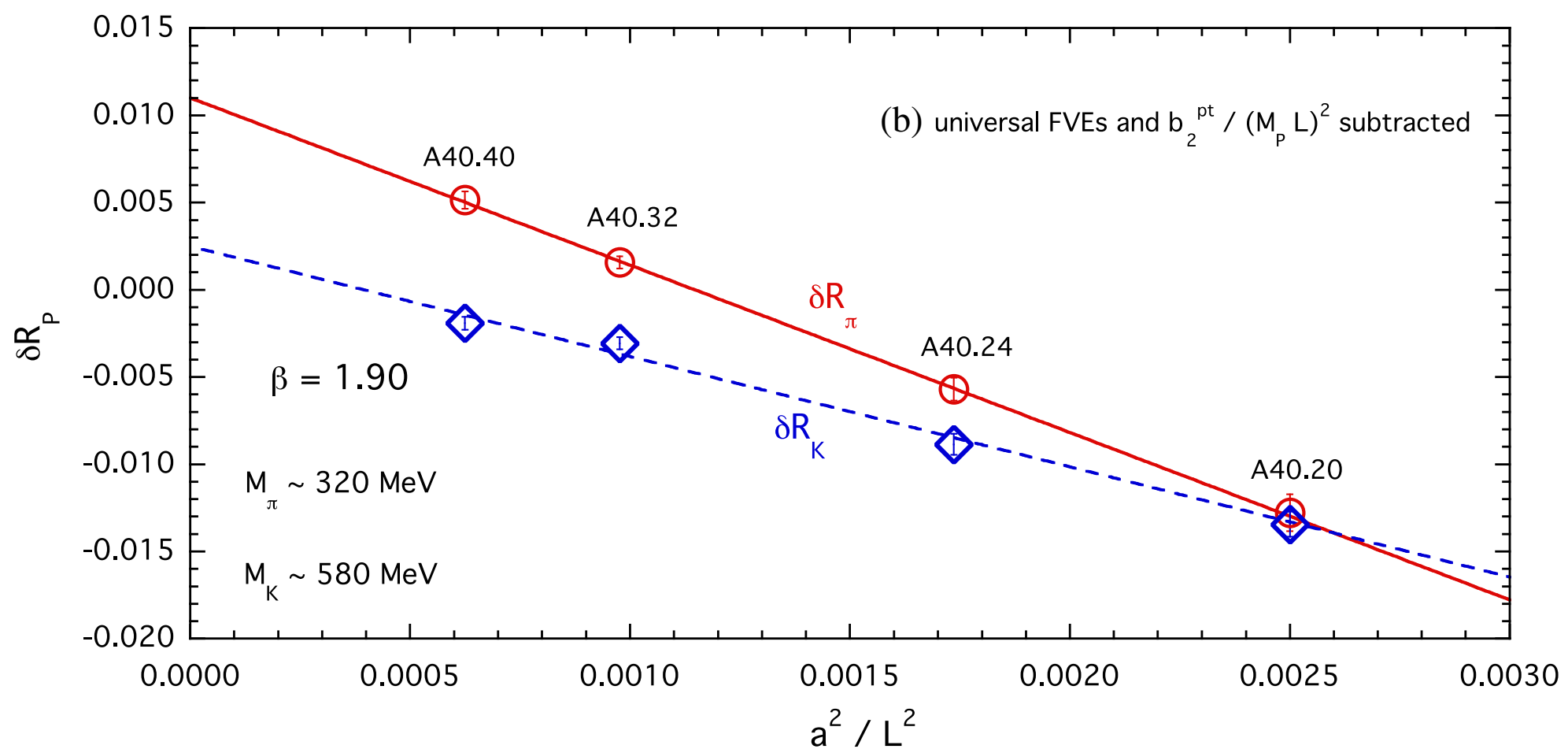
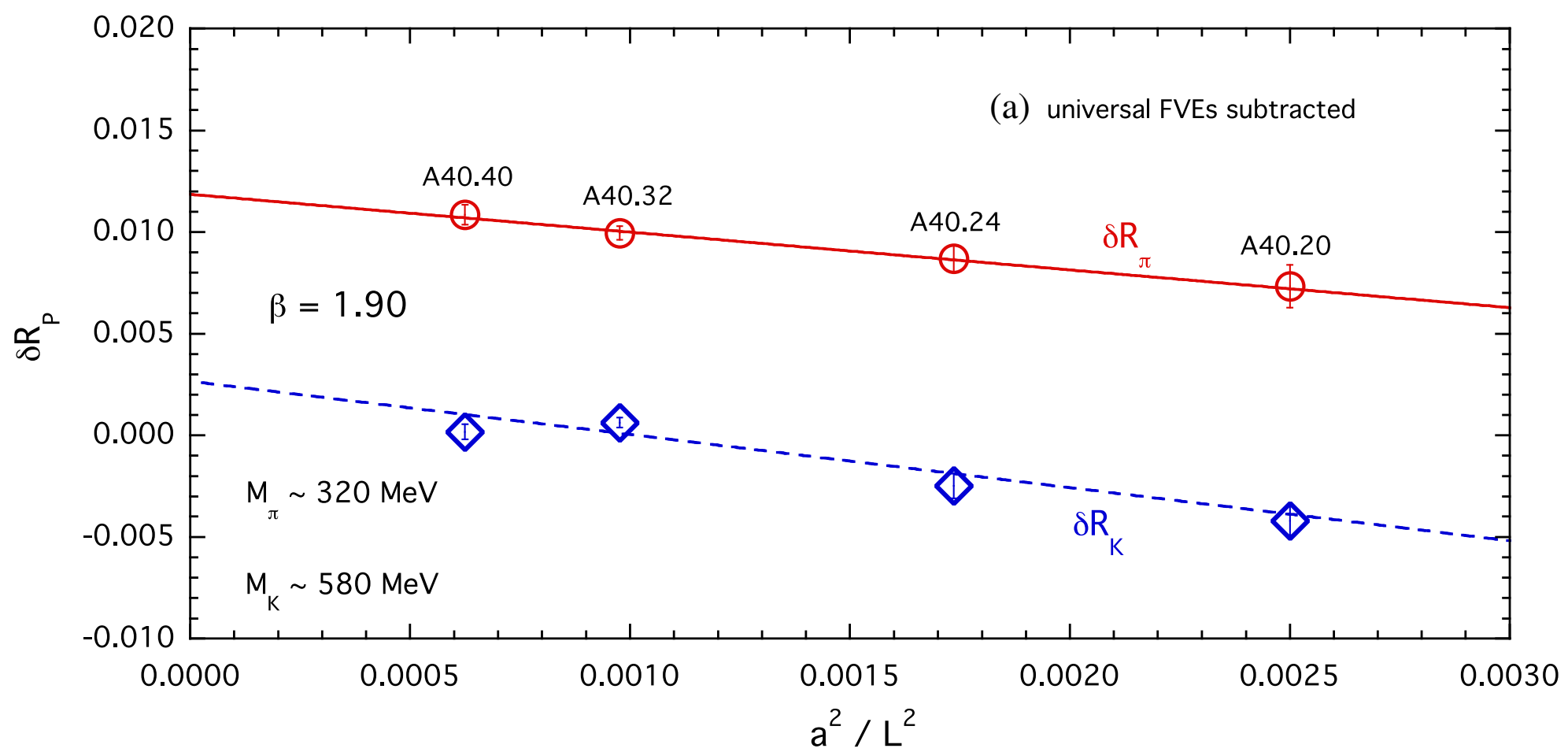
- In the presence of a photon, if the integrand/summand  $\rightarrow \frac{1}{(k^2)^{\frac{n}{2}}}$  as  $k \rightarrow 0$  then we have the scaling law:

$$\xi' = \int \frac{dk_0}{(2\pi)} \left( \frac{1}{L^3} \sum_{\vec{k} \neq 0} - \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \right) \frac{1}{(k^2)^{\frac{n}{2}}} = O\left(\frac{1}{L^{4-n}}\right)$$

- For the spectrum  $n = 3$  and the leading FV corrections are  $O(1/L)$ .
- For decay amplitudes  $n = 4$  and we have the form:  $\Gamma_0^{\text{pt}}(L) = C_0(r_\ell) + \tilde{C}_0(r_\ell) \log(m_K L) + \frac{C_1(r_\ell)}{m_K L} + \dots$

where  $r_\ell = m_\ell/m_K$ .

- **The exhibited  $L$ -dependent terms are *universal*, i.e. independent of the structure of the meson!**
  - We have evaluated these coefficients.
- The leading structure-dependent FV effects in  $\Gamma_0 - \Gamma_0^{\text{pt}}$  are of  $O(1/L^2)$ .



- Finite-volume behaviour of 4-points, obtained at the same value of  $\beta$  and quark masses using ETMC twisted mass ensembles.
  - The universal  $O(1/L)$  terms have been subtracted.
  - The leading SD finite-volume terms appear to be of  $O(1/L^2)$  as expected.

- However, it has recently been shown that the point-like  $O(1/L^3)$  terms are not negligible together with an argument that the SD  $O(1/L^2)$  terms are very small.

M.Di Carlo, M.T.Hansen, A.Portelli and N.Hermansson -Truedsson  
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To be investigated further

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# Infinite-volume reconstruction

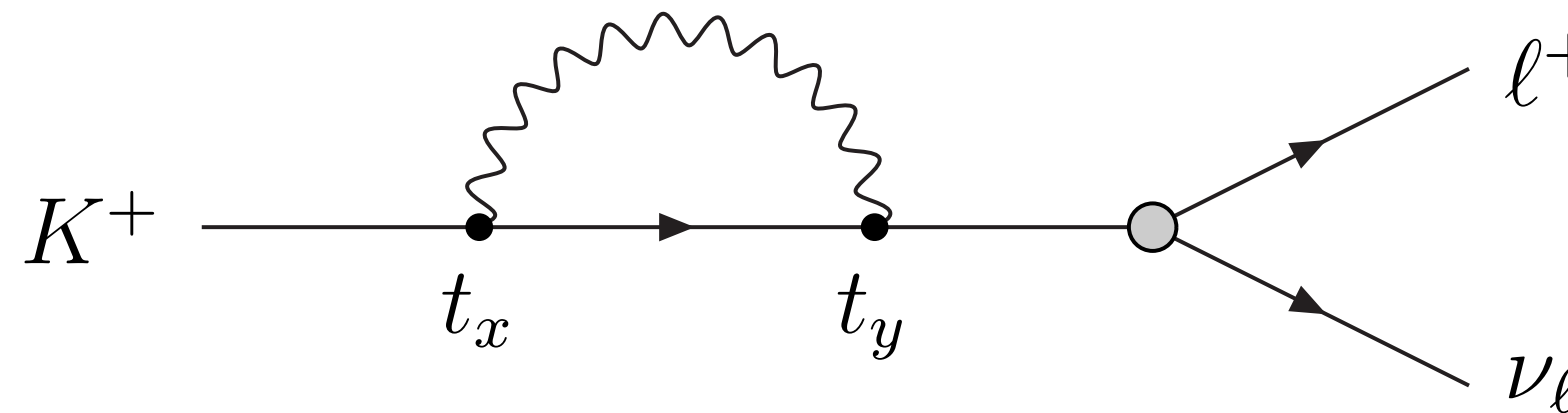
- IVR is an idea by Xu Feng and Luchang Jin originally introduced to avoid non-exponential FV effects in calculations of QED corrections to the spectrum. X.Feng and L.Jin, arXiv:1812.09817

- We have been extending the technique to QED corrections to leptonic decay amplitudes.

N.H.Christ, X.Feng, L.Jin and CTS, PoS LATTICE2019 (2020), 259

N.H.Christ, X.Feng, L.Jin, CTS and T.Wang (in preparation)

- For illustration consider the following diagram which contributes both to the electromagnetic mass-shift and to the wave function renormalisation of the kaon:



- For large  $|t_y - t_x|$ ,  $|t_y - t_x| > t_s$  say, the only state propagating between the two currents is  $|K^+\gamma\rangle$ .
- It is therefore sufficient to evaluate the correlation functions with  $|t_y - t_x| \leq t_s$  and avoid non-exponential FV effects. For example:

$$\begin{aligned}
 H_2(\vec{z}, t_z)_{t_z \geq t_s} &= \langle K^+(\vec{0}) | J_{\text{em}}^\mu(z) J_{\text{em}}^\nu(0) | K^+(\vec{0}) \rangle \\
 &= \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \int d^3 z' H_2(\vec{z}', t_s) e^{-(E_p - m_K)(t_z - t_s)} e^{i\vec{p} \cdot (\vec{z} - \vec{z}')} \quad \left( E_p = \sqrt{\vec{p}^2 + m_K^2} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

# QED Corrections to $V_{us}$

- Writing

$$\frac{\Gamma(K_{\mu 2})}{\Gamma(\pi_{\mu 2})} = \left| \frac{V_{us} f_K^{(0)}}{V_{ud} f_\pi^{(0)}} \right|^2 \frac{m_\pi^3}{m_K^3} \left( \frac{m_K^2 - m_\mu^2}{m_\pi^2 - m_\mu^2} \right)^2 (1 + \delta R_{K\pi}),$$

where  $m_{K,\pi}$  are the physical masses, using numerous twisted mass ensembles we find

$$\delta R_{K\pi} = -0.0126(14) \quad [\delta R_\pi = +0.0153(19), \delta R_K = +0.0024(10)]$$

- $f_P^{(0)}$  are the decay constants obtained in iso-symmetric QCD with the renormalized  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  masses and coupling equal to those in the full QCD+QED theory extrapolated to infinite volume and to the continuum limit.

- Using ChPT,  $\delta R_\pi = +0.0176(21)$ ,  $\delta R_K = +0.0064(24)$ . [PDG\(2018\)](#)

# QED Corrections to $V_{us}$ (cont.)

- We obtained

$$\left| \frac{V_{us}}{V_{ud}} \right| = 0.23135(46).$$

- Taking  $V_{ud} = 0.97420(21)$  (J.Hardy and I.S.Towner, CKM(2016) 028)  $\Rightarrow V_{us} = 0.22538(46)$  and with  $|V_{ub}| = 0.00413(49)$ ,

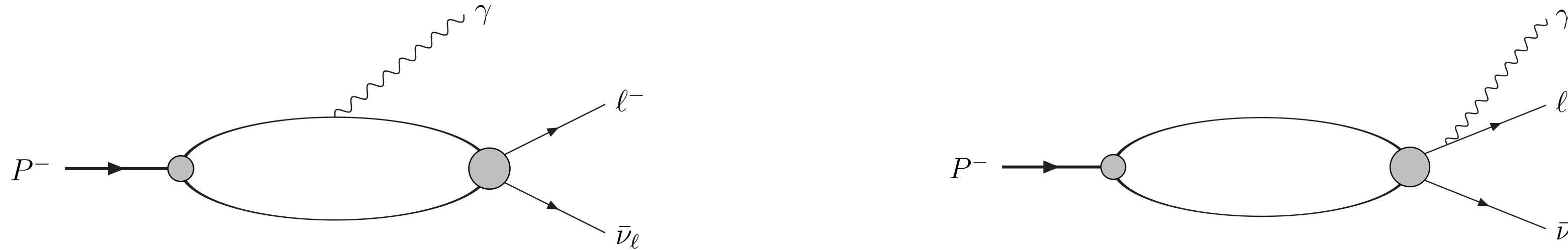
$$|V_{ud}|^2 + |V_{us}|^2 + |V_{ub}|^2 = 0.99988(46).$$

- However, taking  $|V_{ud}| = 0.97370(14)$  (C.Y.Seng et al., arXiv:1807.10197),  $|V_{us}| = 0.22526(46)$ ,

$$|V_{ud}|^2 + |V_{us}|^2 + |V_{ub}|^2 = 0.99885(34).$$

- The latest PDG value is  $V_{ud} = 0.97373(31)$ , which is the average of the 15 most precise determinations and with a more conservative error. (Unitarity within a little more than  $1\sigma$ .)

# $P \rightarrow \ell \nu_\ell \gamma$ radiative decays - the form factors



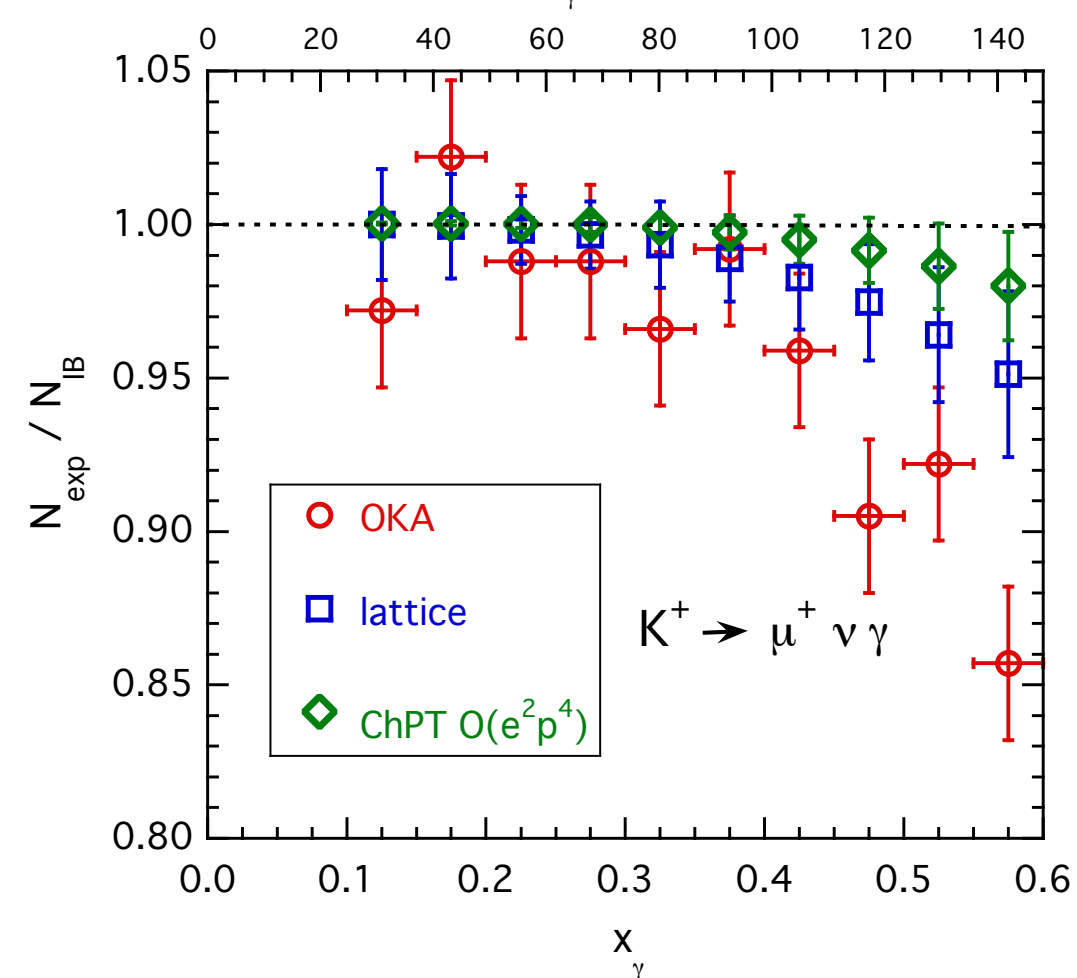
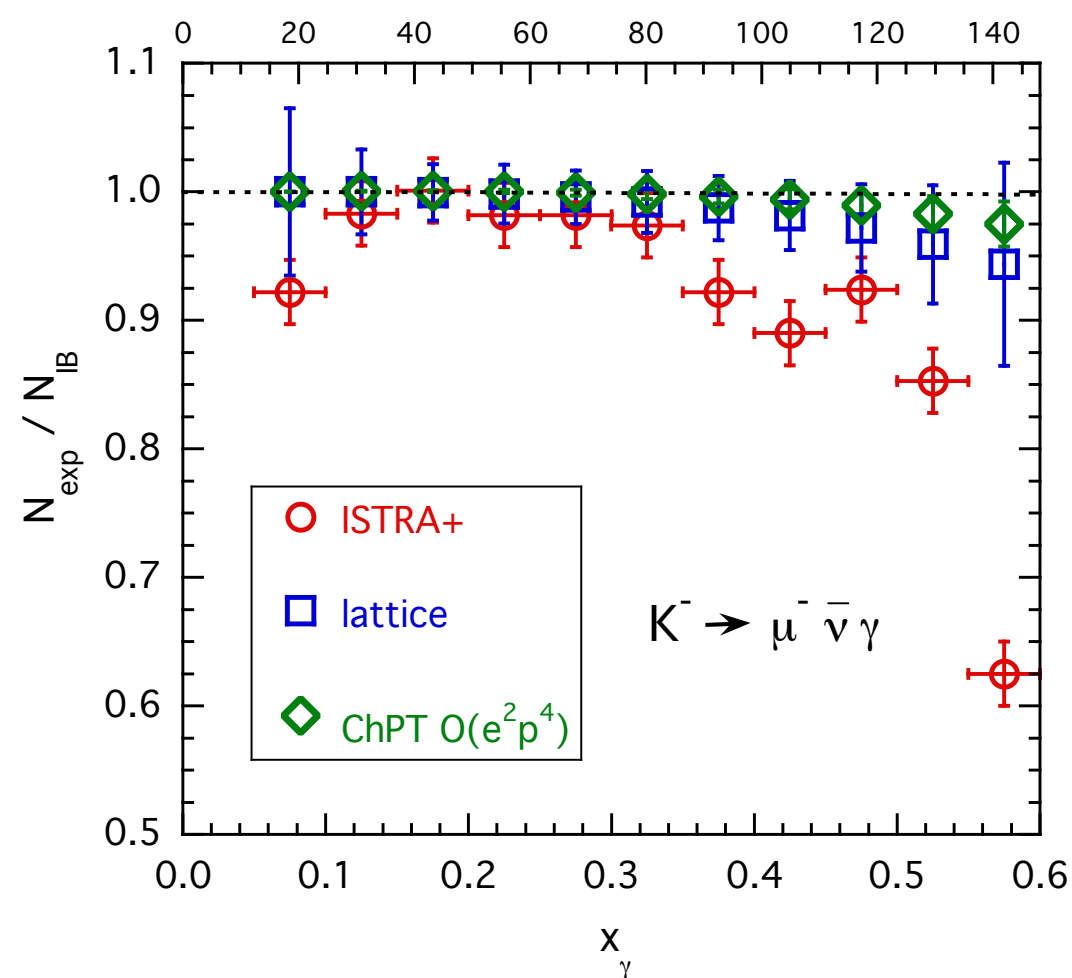
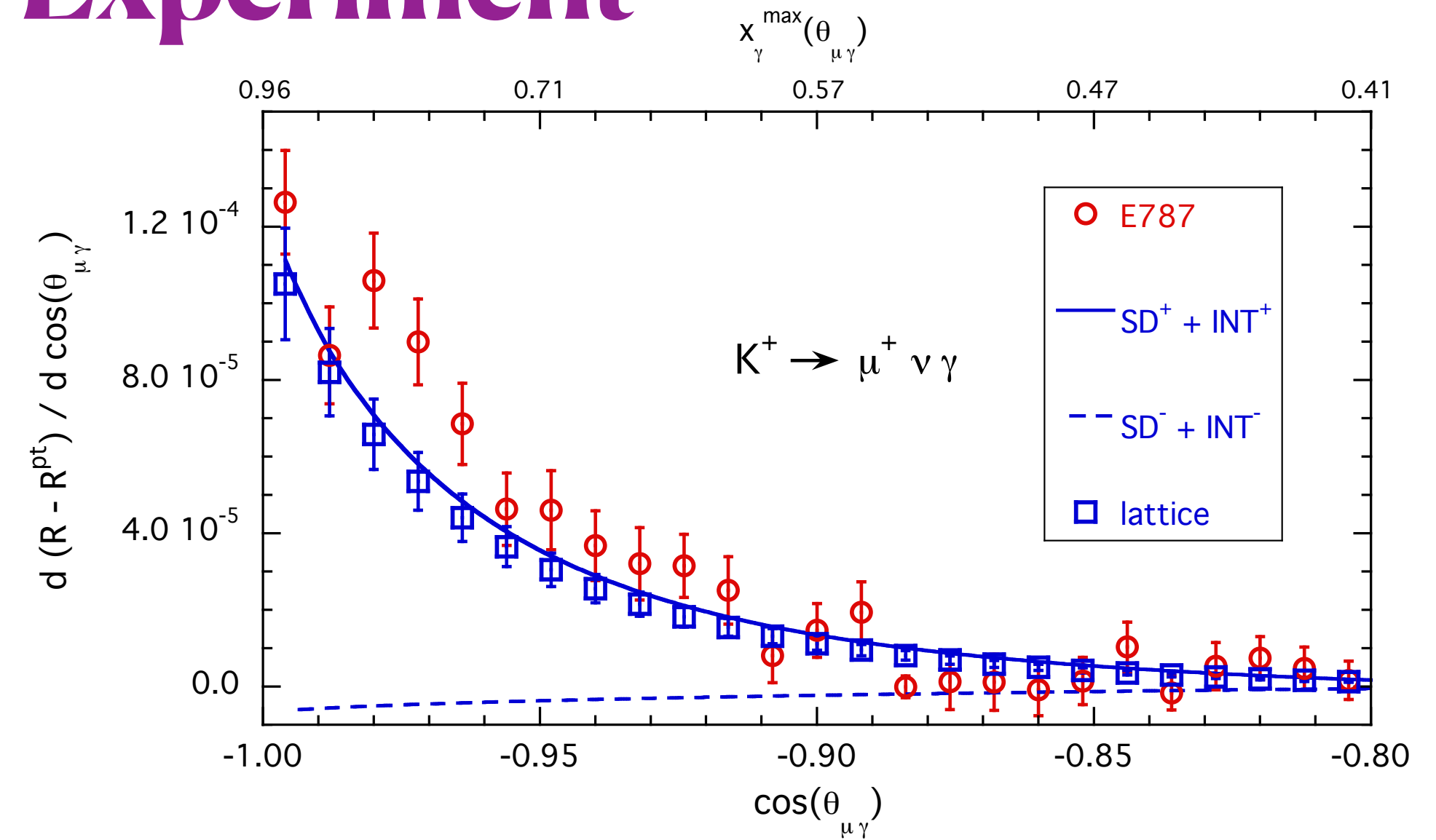
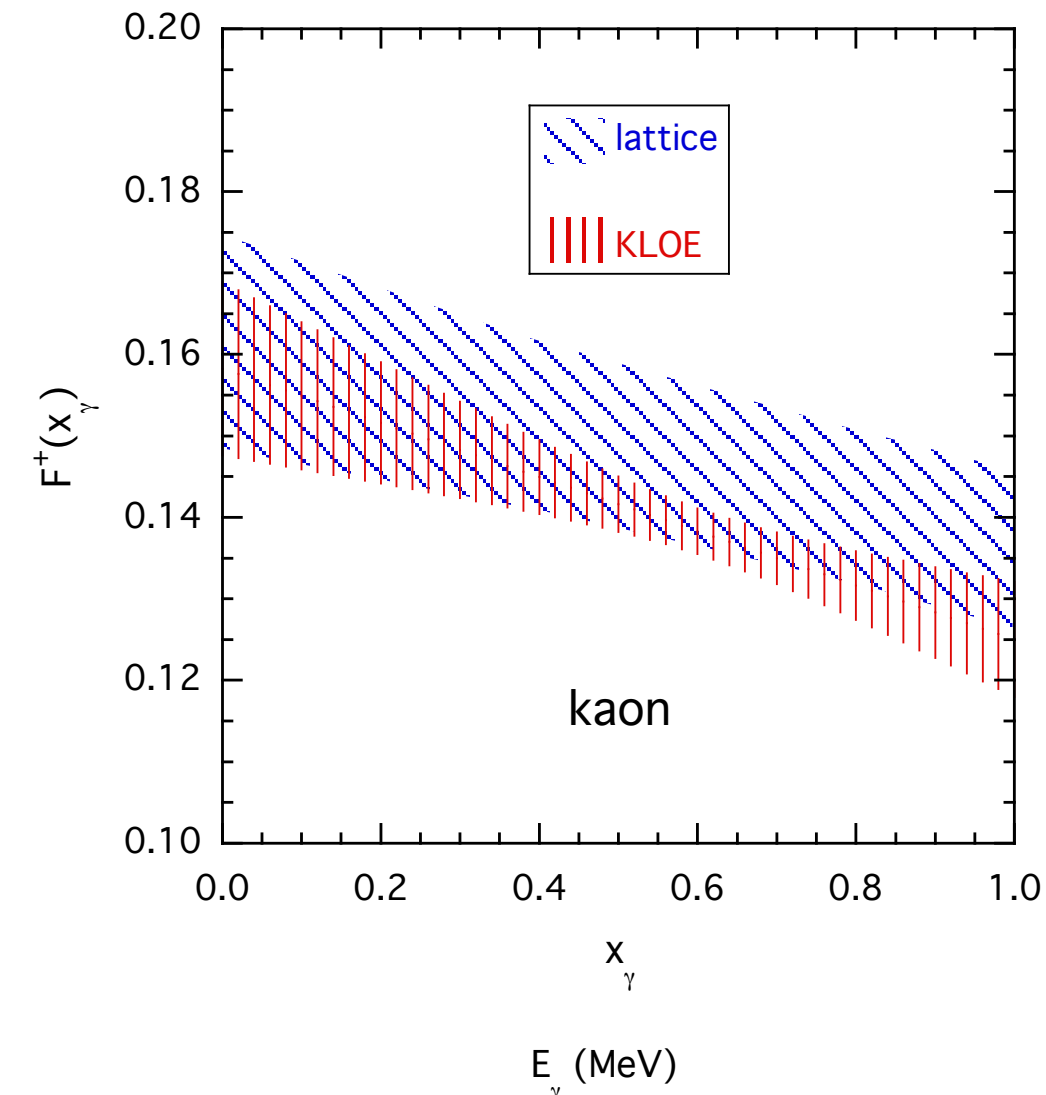
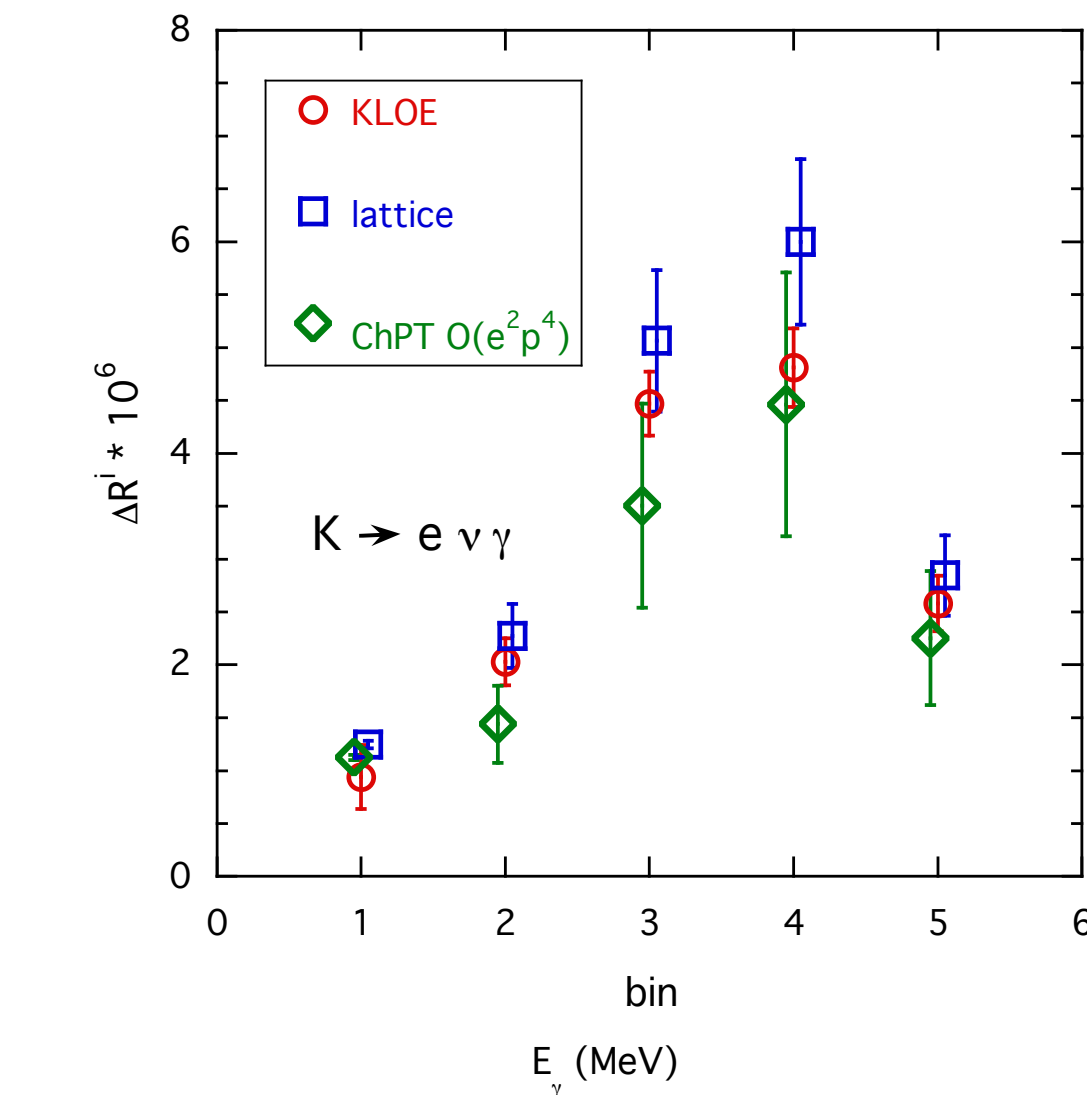
Non-perturbative contribution to  $P \rightarrow \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell \gamma$  is encoded in:

$$\begin{aligned}
 H_W^{\alpha r}(k, \vec{p}) &= \epsilon_\mu^r(k) H_W^{\alpha\mu}(k, \vec{p}) = \epsilon_\mu^r(k) \int d^4y e^{ik \cdot y} \text{T} \langle 0 | j_W^\alpha(0) j_{\text{em}}^\mu(y) | P(\vec{p}) \rangle \\
 &= \epsilon_\mu^r(k) \left\{ \frac{H_1}{m_P} [k^2 g^{\mu\alpha} - k^\mu k^\alpha] + \frac{H_2}{m_P} \frac{[(p \cdot k - k^2)k^\mu - k^2(p - k)^\mu](p - k)^\alpha}{(p - k)^2 - m_P^2} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - i \frac{F_V}{m_P} \epsilon^{\mu\alpha\gamma\beta} k_\gamma p_\beta + \frac{F_A}{m_P} [(p \cdot k - k^2)g^{\mu\alpha} - (p - k)^\mu k^\alpha] + f_P \left[ g^{\mu\alpha} - \frac{(2p - k)^\mu (p - k)^\alpha}{(p - k)^2 - m_P^2} \right] \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

- For decays into a real photon,  $k^2 = 0$  and  $\epsilon \cdot k = 0$ , only the decay constant  $f_P$  and the vector and axial form factors  $F_V(x_\gamma)$  and  $F_A(x_\gamma)$  are needed to specify the amplitude ( $x_\gamma = 2p \cdot k/m_P^2$ ,  $0 < x_\gamma < 1 - m_\ell^2/m_P^2$ ).
- In phenomenology  $F^\pm \equiv F_V \pm F_A$  are more natural combinations.
- We have computed  $F_V(x_\gamma)$  and  $F_A(x_\gamma)$  for  $\pi, K, D_{(s)}$  mesons (and  $H_{1,2}$  in an exploratory simulation for  $K \rightarrow \pi \ell \nu_\ell \ell'^+ \ell'^-$  decays).



# Comparison with Experiment



- Good Agreement with KLOE
- Significant tensions with  $K \rightarrow \mu \nu_\mu \gamma$  experiments
- Unable to find a set of phenomenological form factors to account for all the data.
- NA62 will soon have the most precise results for  $K \rightarrow e \nu_e \gamma$  decay rates.
- Is it conceivable that we have LFU-violation here also ?

- Thank you Guido for your constant friendship and for an exciting 36 years of collaboration, but

**much still remains to be done !**

- I look forward to reporting on progress in 2032.





Irena and I wish you many more years of health and happiness